

BLAMES OTHER WOMAN
FOR ATTACK BY STOUT

Wife Gives Alienation of Husband's Affections as Motive for Attack.

SHE REFUSED TO DIVORCE HIM

Man Is Arrested, Charged With Assault Following Investigation by Police—Will Be Given Hearing Today.

Mrs. Leona Stout, 113 West Seventh Street, South Richmond, victim of an assault and an attempt to drown her Tuesday night in the waters of a mill race near the north approach to the Ninth Street Bridge, was arrested last night that "a woman had been unkind to her and her husband, whom she charges in a warrant with the attack." John H. Stout, of 65 North Seventh Street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Smith on complaint of the wife following an investigation by police. He was held at the First Station for a preliminary hearing in Police Court this morning.

Shortly after the arrest Stout paid a visit to his wife at the South Richmond address. Mrs. Stout told a reporter last night, and asked her what she was going to say and if she was going to tell the truth. She said that he appeared to be well and effect a reconciliation, and told her: "If you want me to come back and live with you, this is no way to do it."

Mrs. Stout Assigns Motives.

Love for the woman alleged to have alienated his affections, and anger over his inability to obtain grounds for divorce proceedings was assigned by Mrs. Stout as motives for the alleged attack by her husband. She quotes him as saying, as he threw her in the water: "I don't reckon you will bother me any more."

About two months ago, Mrs. Stout said, she met her husband on Broad Street in the act of entering a theater, wearing evening gowns. She remonstrated, according to her statement. At that time, she said, they were living at 397 East Marshall Street. Matters continued to grow worse, she declared, and a few days later she secured employment with the Worthington Manufacturing Company along with a woman friend to the South Richmond address.

Visited Husband Sunday.

Mrs. Stout said she visited her husband last Sunday afternoon at the Reynolds Tobacco Plant on Twelfth Street, where he is employed as a fireman, and that they quarreled about securing a divorce. She said that she again came home again until the night of the attack.

"When my husband appeared at the door yesterday, he was accompanied by a friend and knowing that he would use anything I might say to him in court, I was reluctant to let him in," she said. Mrs. Stout said she replied in monosyllables to his questions and finally told him she had nothing to say.

VIRGINIA SHIPPERS
OPPOSE NEW RATES

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The following resolutions were adopted by the representatives of shippers and receivers of freight from throughout the State:

"We, the shippers and receivers of freight, assembled in meeting for the purpose of considering the proposed increases in the rates from this and other Virginia cities to North Carolina, believe those increased rates to be excessive and not justified by any traffic or commercial conditions and unjustly discriminatory in their effect, and we ask that the traffic committee of the chamber direct the traffic manager to act with the shippers of other cities, and in North Carolina, in asking for the Interstate Commerce Commission to suspend the order and enter upon an investigation as to their propriety, and that the traffic manager be authorized also to act with the above-mentioned parties in any complaint to the Interstate Commerce Commission that may be found necessary against the present rates."

Approved By Traffic Body.

After the above resolution was passed in an open meeting, the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce approved the same.

The Chambers of Commerce of Norfolk, Lynchburg, Newport News, Roanoke, Suffolk and other cities will also make a request to the Interstate Commerce Commission that it suspend the new rates which are going to take effect January 15.

The shippers and receivers of freight at Bluefield also adopted the following letter, which will accompany the above resolution and which will be sent to each member of the Interstate Commerce Commission:

"At a glance at the chart, as prepared by Mr. Goodman, traffic manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, a copy of which chart is attached hereto, you will note that the rates show a constant advancing scale, and in comparing these with our neighbors you will see that such advances have been made in such mercantile business today would be in a more serious condition than now exists."

Believe Carriers in Error.

It is our belief that the carriers in approaching this question of advance in rates, in order to secure an increase in revenue which they are in need of, that they are committing an error in that they are not recognizing that the public will give them increased revenue. In our opinion it will have just the opposite effect, as it will have a tendency to localize business and in many cases stop business, and instead of such advances being an assistance to the carriers it will tend to prolong the present business depression by the carriers endeavoring to operate their properties on the basis that is not economically sound."

Operating Cost Too High.

"We believe that for the business affairs of this country to again become normal, it will be necessary not only for the railroads, but for every other industry to return as near as possible to pre-war conditions, and while we wish to go on record as being friendly to the carriers and to acknowledge their service to the country, we also wish to go on record as opposing very vigorously any advance in their rates, and we wish to also go on record as stating that in our opinion the present freight rates are economically too high, and that until they are lower, we cannot hope for business to return to conditions that are normal or near normal."

"We believe that the operating cost of the carriers under today's best interest."

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BODY
TOUR PROPOSED DRIVEWAY

Automobile Party Follows Route to Spot in James River Where Bridge May Be Constructed, Connecting North With South Richmond.

The turbid waters of the James River beamed brightly in the afternoon sunshine yesterday, and the gnarled branches of forest trees bowed gracefully in the December breeze as it blew across the bluffs along the Chesterfield side, when the Streets and Highways Committee of City Council inspected the proposed site of a proposed drive along the shore of the river, starting the river on the south. The view presented the inspecting party was magnificent in its wonderful perspective and its possibilities.

The committee took automobiles at the City Hall at 3 o'clock. Director Alfred T. Skelding, who has assumed charge of the party, said that "a woman had been unkind to her and her husband, whom she charges in a warrant with the attack." John H. Stout, of 65 North Seventh Street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Smith on complaint of the wife following an investigation by police. He was held at the First Station for a preliminary hearing in Police Court this morning.

The proposed road will slope gracefully from hill to hill, and will glide below the belt line bridge, and dip under the railroad bridge, tracks, which skirt the river for several miles, thus insuring safety from railway-crossing disaster. There will be no abrupt curves, nor steep climbs, although the rolling nature of the proposed route will necessitate a number of gradual inclines.

The south side of the river was also inspected by the committee. It is proposed that the northern approach be located at "Dead Man's Curve," on the driveway just east of the pumping house. The site of a proposed bridge will be the river at Meadow Street, was also viewed, but in view of the great stretch of street to be improved and the inaccessibility, this route was looked upon as impracticable. The whole project will be fully discussed at the next regular meeting of the committee.

VAHISPA TICKET SALE
EXTENDED BY TRUSTEES

Judge Knapp Hands Down Opinion of United States Appellate Court.

United States Circuit Judge Martin A. Knapp classed six seamen of the "S. S. Elliott" to be deserters, in an opinion written and handed down by him yesterday. The men went out on strike last May at Charleston, S. C., and brought suit for libel in the district court at Charleston for their previous to the time of their departure. The opinion was carried in by Judges Wadsworth and Woods.

In rendering the opinion Judge Knapp stated that, as the seamen left the ship and took their belongings with them, they deliberately and purposely abandoned the service which they agreed to perform, and therefore are termed deserters.

He also declared the employment of the master and crew under an agreement to work twelve months. When the vessel reached the Charleston harbor the strike was in progress, and the seamen left the ship, later bringing suit against the master for their wages, which he refused to pay them. The master appealed the case from the Charleston court after it had ruled the seamen were not deserters.

WALDRON WINS SUIT FOR RAILROAD INJURY

U. S. District Court at Bluefield Is Reversed in Decision by the Appellate Tribunal.

An opinion favoring Earl Waldron of Bluefield, W. Va., was handed down in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge C. A. Wygodzinski yesterday, Waldron had entered a suit against John Barton Payne, director of the West Virginia and Ohio Railroad, and other officers of the "Redbird" and "The Prince Chaps." Mr. Pepe is in the city and has entered upon the work. He is a brother of Charles Pepe, the banker.

EXPECT 60 WITNESSES
FOR BLUNDON'S TRIAL

Case in Which Former Bank President Is Charged With Misappropriating Funds Set for Jan. 12.

Witnesses from counties of the Northern Neck and the cities of Petersburg and Norfolk will be summoned during the trial of Colored Harriet Gordon Blundon, who is under indictment on fourteen counts, on the charge of misappropriating funds of the Commonwealth National Bank of Beaufort, Northumberland County. Blundon was president of this bank. It is expected that sixty witnesses will appear here.

The trial of the former bank president, which was recessed yesterday for the trial of another, will be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

**PLAN WATCH SERVICES
FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Churches Here Will Observe Passing of 1921 and Beginning of 1922, Holiday Monday.

Holiday parties and entertainments still are being conducted in Richmond. Dances, receptions and other festivities will hold sway for the remainder of this week and continuing on to the middle of next month.

Many of the local churches have arranged watch services New Year's Eve. Special church music is now being planned. Theaters will show special programs Saturday night beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Local business parties have been arranged in Martinsville, which the city will celebrate as New Year's Day. The larger portion of merchants and manufacturers will close their places of business. Many families have planned "open house."

Meeting Is Postponed.

Owing to the inability of several members to be present the joint committee of City Council named to consider a resolution recently introduced in Common Council by Councilman Charles S. Stinson, calling upon the War Memorial Commission to issue a loan on the proposed memorial library and auditorium to be erected on the Ford lot, and praying that no auditorium seating less than 2,500 people be erected, the meeting rescheduled for yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock was postponed to next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Heard Damage Suit Friday.

The suit of Mrs. Edna Phillips against A. L. McMurtrie and others for \$2,500, for alleged personal injuries, has been set for hearing in Hustings Court, Part II, Friday morning.

PHI KAPPA SIGMAS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING HERE

National Convention to Open This Morning in the Jefferson Hotel.

FRATERNITY FOUNDED IN 1859

Delegates From Many Parts of the United States Will Enjoy Social Events While in Richmond—Three Chapters in Virginia.

Phi Kappa Sigma's annual national convention begins at 10 o'clock this morning in the Jefferson Hotel. Sessions will be held morning and afternoon, today tomorrow and Saturday.

Important business, election of officers, prize awards, chapter reports, social events and a banquet, will feature. There will be a daily luncheon at 1 o'clock every day of the convention.

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